IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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CONTROLLABLE AMPLIFIER ARRANGEMENT AND ARRANGEMENT FOR PROCESSING ELECTRIC SIGNALS BY MEANS OF SUCH AN AMPLIFIER ARRANGEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) An arrangement for processing electric signals, characterized by at least one controllable amplifier arrangement as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claim 4 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

4. (Amended) An arrangement for processing electric signals, characterized by at least one controllable amplifier arrangement as claimed in any one of the preceding claims claim 1.